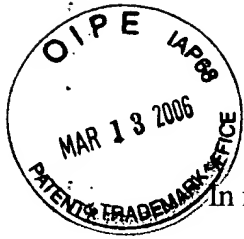


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document so listed is enclosed.

(1) Japan 01-185757

This document was cited during prosecution of a counterpart Japanese application, namely Japan 2003-180262, which is a divisional application of Japan 09-200570, from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated February 27, 2006, is enclosed.

In view of the date of the Japanese Office Action, Applicants submit that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is noted that the Japanese Office Action also cites Japan 04-295947. However, this document was previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 19, 2005 and is therefore not being cited again.

An English language abstract for the document has been located and is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for the document is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstract. See MPEP § 609.

It is noted that this application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37.C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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